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ABSTRACT

This facilitator's guide is part of an overall program developed as a resource for child and youth care workers and foster parents. Those using the facilitator's guide must possess considerable knowledge and training in the areas of child abuse, child welfare, child laws, human development, and group and family dynamics. Facilitators must be able to translate theoretical information on the impact of child sexual abuse into meeting the needs of abuse victims. Facilitators also need to be familiar with the child welfare system in their region and know how to provide training that encourages caregivers to participate as team members within that system. The facilitator's guide is divided into five parts: (1) Background Information; (2) Training Preparation; (3) Training Delivery; (4) Reference and Resource Guide for Facilitators; and (5) Reference and Resource Guide for Participants. The section on training preparation gives information on using a co-facilitator, the time frame for the group, group size, the training facility, materials to be used, themes, and disclosure. The largest section, training delivery, offers suggestions on structuring the sessions and ways to use the manual. Training delivery itself is presented in six basic chapters, focusing on the global perspective of sexual abuse the signs and the impact of sexual abuse on the young person, the healing process, self-awareness and the caregiver's role, and ways of creating a supportive and protective environment. (RJM)

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